

In-Fur-Nation

And the ConFurence Chronicle

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All The News We Get, We Print!

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"That's our lot in life..."

Woo, the fall In-Fur-Nation went out terribly late, didn't it? Apologies, from the editor's CRT... we'll try to get things caught up this time 'round. And now for something completely different – a January In-Fur-Nation that's not right before ConFurence. We're in April now, so we have a little more time to fill you in – and we will, later in the ConFurence Progress Report. But first, here's some current stuff for the new year we think you'd like to know about:

Disney/Pixar's new computer-animated feature *A Bug's Life* carried on recent tradition, with its \$45 million box office take over its wide-release premiere during Thanksgiving weekend setting a record and making it the #1 film in the U.S. for that week. As of this writing the film has earned nearly \$115 million. In an unusual move (at least for American animation), the film features made-up 'bloopers' and 'outtakes' that Pixar animated to put in the end credits. Come December 18th weekend, the film was re-released with a whole new set of bloopers!

The news was not as good for other films of furry interest this winter. Universal's *Babe: A Pig in the City* suffered mightily over Thanksgiving weekend (mostly from the one-two punch of *A Bug's Life* and *The Rugrats Movie*), taking in only \$8 million. It's made about \$20 million to date – as the film cost more than \$80 million to produce, it is largely considered a disaster now. Even Disney didn't have unstoppable luck, though: *Mighty Joe Young*, premiering over Christmas, was considered a disappointment for its box-office take of only \$10 million that weekend. We'll see how it does in the long run...

Upcoming feature of note: Coming on the heels of the successful *Rugrats Movie* comes the word that Nickelodeon Films has secured the rights to create an animated feature film version of the popular black & white comic *Bone*. The film is set to be directed by none other than *Bone* creator Jeff Smith himself. No word yet on a completion or release date. In the meantime, Cartoon Books is releasing the first three *Bone* trade paperbacks, *Out from Boneville*, *The Great Cow Race*, and *Eyes of the Storm*, in a single slipcase collection called *Vernal Equinox*. Each one will also feature a limited edition print with images from the upcoming animated film.

New on video is Disney's 1977 animated film *The Rescuers*. Coming up soon are the animated *101 Dalmatians* (from 1961; to be released March 3rd), last year's *Mulan* (hitting stores February 2nd) and the brand new *Winnie the Pooh: Sing a Song with Pooh Bear*.

Meanwhile in the other part of town, Dreamworks will be releasing the computer-animated film *Antz* on February 9th.

In direct-to-video sequel news, MGM Family Entertainment has released *Secret of NIMH 2: Timmy to the Rescue*. *Secret of NIMH* (and *Anastasia*) directors Don Bluth and Gary Goldman were not involved in this musical follow-up, but it does feature the vocal talents of Dom DeLuise, Eric Idle, Harvey Korman, Ralph Macchio, Peter MacNicol, William H. Macy, Arthur Mallet, Andrea Martin, and Meshach Taylor. DeLuise and Mallet were involved in the first *Secret of NIMH* as well.

More video sequels: *Dragonheart – The Star Prophecy*, currently in production at Universal. The film will feature a young dragon named Drake (son of the first film's Draco), and young human hero played by Chris Matheson. Also featured is Peter Postlethwaite, reprising his role as Father Gilbert from the first film. The sequel's director, Doug Leifer, directed the TV pilots of *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* and *Xena: Warrior Princess*. More information can be found at the *Dragonheart II* web site at www.geocities.com/Area51/Vault/6902/DragonheartII.html

Pioneer Family Entertainment presents *The New Adventures of Kimba the White Lion*, available for the first time in English. New direct-to-video animation recreates Osamu Tezuka's famous tale of the young white lion and his struggle to rule in a changing Africa.

From Darkhorse Comics comes the latest in a series of re-printed and collected *Usagi Yojimbo* classics from Mirage (written and drawn by Stan Sakai, of course!). Look for the *Usagi Yojimbo: Daisho* trade paperback, and while you're at it, look for the brand new *Usagi Yojimbo* baseball cap from Darkhorse.

In other comic book wear news, you can now buy the new *Grenlin Trouble* t-shirt from Anti-Ballistic Pixelations. The black Tee features a full-color illustration of Cypher the gremlin princess in battle mode, illustrated by E.T. Bryan. Can't find it at your local comic book shop? Write to Anti-Ballistic Pixelations, P.O. Box 3698, Seal Beach, CA 90740.

In *Tigress* by Budd Root and Mike Hoffman, astronauts from earth find themselves trapped on a planet of savage were-tigers. One female feline offers to help them, but can she stand against the might of the massive "Tiger God"? In black & white, from Basement Comics.

Admit it, you knew it was coming... *When Beanies Attack!* In this new black & white from **Tony Furtado** and **Blatant Comics**, one lone journalist struggles to warn the world of the impending invasion behind the spread of these cuddly creatures – before it's too late! It's available in regular and 'ultra-violent' editions.

Dreamsmith Studios' Book is a black & white fantasy/horror comic anthology that includes, among others, stories of the wolf-like Fenrir. Book #7 features the Fenrir prominently.

In stores now from *Castle Waiting* creator **Linda Medley** is the re-issue *Castle Waiting: The Curse of Brambly Hedge*. This prequel to her acclaimed (and revisionist) fantasy series also contains 32 pages of supplemental material, including character descriptions and backgrounds, and research resources for classrooms and libraries.

Lost for over 40 years and now re-discovered is the *Wild Animals* collection of comic book pioneer **Jerry Iger**. Humorous animal fables are found in this new black & white series from **A-List Comics**.

In *Valhalla* (new from Antarctic Press), the year is 1939 – and the Earth has been invaded by aliens from another dimension. This full-color alternate history comic comes to us from *Mighty Tiny* creator **Ben Dunn**.

Brand new from Maelstrom Media is *Tales of the Galactic Enforcers* #1. The publishers describe it as "Part superhero saga, part sci-fi, all action." Well, it's also anthropomorphic, and brought to you in black & white by **Eric Nelson** and **Terrance Williams**.

Seen at the last San Diego Comic Convention, but only now making it to press: *Orville, Dreams of Flight* by **Albert C. Pena**. This black & white comic from Praisenet follows the adventures of Orville the squirrel and his friends, as Orville tries to find the magical land where all squirrels can fly.

From Radio Comics comes *Zen Cowgirls* #1, a 4-issue black & white miniseries by **Harvo Mercado** and **Todd Smith**. Harvo is best remembered as the artist for the *Sonic the Hedgehog* series from Archie Comics. Here he and Mr. Smith present the tale of a rather loud pair of furry magic users named *Loogie* and *Bunz*. You heard it here. Also in black & white from Radio, *Furrough* #74 features the premiere of "The Chronicles of Athras" (by **Guevin, Lane, and Lane**), which follows an ancient war between a race of dogs and cats. And **James Hardiman** presents the second *Genus Spotlight: Skunkworks*. It is definitely for adults only!

Some sort of prize for unusual packaging goes to the *Angry M.O.B.* series. *M.O.B.*, by the way, stands for *Marsupials on the Brink*. It works like this: They have released a series of T-shirts, illustrated by **Mark Teague**.

Each t-shirt includes with it a special mini-comic (actually more like an illustrated storybook) with pictures by Teague and text by **John Barker**. New T-shirts and stories are released every couple of months. Characters include the likes of: Wrath, Tasmanian Devil; Don Possum; Perceval, Kangaroo Knight; and Combat the Surfing Wombat. Check out your local comic book store, or check out *Angry M.O.B.* on the World Wide Web at www.angry-mob.com

New for 1999 from Vision Comics is *The Monty Calendar*, featuring 12 months of photo-realistic werewolves and wolf-hybrids by the famous Japanese furry artist, **Monty**. In full color.

New entries in the famous-illustrators-drawing-human-ladies-with-beasties illustrated book sweepstakes include *Fatal Beauty: The Boada Sketchbook* and *Moonshadows: The Mike Ploog Sketchbook*. Multi-artist anthologies (featuring folks like **Alex Horley**, **Joe Chiodo**, **Rich Larson**, **Steve Fastner**, **Mitch Byrd**, **George Perez**, and many others) include *Jungle Tales Volume 3*, *Dino Babes*, and *Primal Lust*.

Out now from Bantam Books is *Fractured Fairy Tales* by **A.J. Jacobs**, featuring those wacky (and very punny) parables from the famous segment of *Rocky and his Friends* and *The Bullwinkle Show*.

In the non-fiction section, look for *The Book of Fabulous Beasts* (Oxford University Press) by **Joseph Nigg** – author of *The Book of Gryphons and Wonder Beasts*. This time Mr. Nigg edits a book of essays concerning many types of mythical beasts (dragons, unicorns, gryphons, and many more obscure creatures) in myth, psychology, cultural studies, and fantasy fiction.

Dog Eat Dog is the sequel to the well-received satirical fantasy *Top Dog* by **Jerry Jay Carroll**. Again we meet up with **Bogie Ingersoll** – corporate raider, until he was turned into a dog and forced to battle against the sinister forces of an evil wizard and his army of 'pig faces'. Now human again, he's reformed into a dedicated philanthropist, and his mansion is a haven for stray dogs. Then one day, he smells the scent of pig... [Look for the book from **Ace/Berkeley**]

In *Spirit Fox* by **Mickey Z. Reichert** and **Jennifer Wingert** (from DAW Books), we meet the citizens of The River and The Marchlands. In this magical place, when a human and an animal are born in close proximity to one another, they then share a life-long psychic bond... and a life-span twice as long as a normal human's.

New in software is *Disney's Animation Kit*. The kit features a history of animation, as well as a look at the role of directors, story artists, animators and others in the making of a cartoon film. Sidebars help to better explain each step in the animation process. The kit includes an animation peg board and punched paper, acetate cels, flip books, and other goodies.

More in the it-had-to-happen department... in response to the popularity of *Deer Hunter* and other such games comes *Deer Avenger* for the PC. Written by staff writers from *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, allows players to take on the personal of Bambo – a well-armed buck who follows a trail of beer cans and toilet paper to bag his human prey. Among his tricks are human mating calls like "Sweet! *Baywatch* is on!". From Simon & Schuster Interactive.

To All the Folks on our Mailing List – Help us clean up our Database! We could really use some help fixing all the typos and other glitches that sneak into any list that's entered by live human beings. What we ask is this: Take a look at the label sticker on this issue of *In-Fur-Nation*. First off, is your name spelled correctly? How about the street, and the city? Are the numbers all correct? For U.S. residents, do we have all 9 digits of your zip code? If the answer to any of these is 'no', please tell us so! Drop us a line at the ConFurence P.O. Box, or send us some e-mail (see the back page) to tell us what it *should* read like! It helps not only our database, but also it helps to see that everything goes smoothly come Registration time at ConFurence. [Big thing – It is really convenient if we can get the full 9-digit zip code. Our mailing system is sorted on that.] Thanks for your help!

ConFurence has Stuff! The original Furry Convention is proud to present the ConFurence General Store. Two of our popular T-Shirt designs are still available for a limited time: "Furries in Force" (black on honey-color) by Eric Schwartz from CF7, and "Furries in Love" (black and pink on grey) by Rachael Cawley from CF9. Plus, we still offer the *ConFurence Seven Highlights Video*, as well as the brand new *ConFurence Eight – Music and Mirth* on video too! Not to mention many cool prints and extra Souvenir Books from past ConFurcences! Look for the order form from The General Store attached to the back of this very issue of *In-Fur-Nation*.

Advertising in In-Fur-Nation: As before, ads in *In-Fur-Nation* come in two sizes: 1/8-page "business card" size for \$5.00 per issue, and 1/4-page size (4 1/2" tall by 3 1/4" wide) for \$10.00 per issue. We also offer full-page inclusions for \$50.00 per issue. Check should be made out to ConFurence. Send camera-ready art and text to P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92642-1958. Getting just a *mention* in *In-Fur-Nation* is easy: Send us information (snail-mail or e-mail), and we'll reprint it in our blurb section *verbatim*, with minor corrections for spelling and grammar. (Information in this issue provided by Mark Merlino, Rod O'Riley, and the staff of ConFurence. Thanks again to all the folks in Rowbrazzle; *Previews*, and the folks who sent in information.)

... it's not a lot, but it's our life!" (The Queen Ant (played by Phillis Diller), from *A Bug's Life*)

Just Fur Fun!

We checked out the Internet Anagram Server www.wordsmith.org/anagram and this is what we got! Each of the following is an actual anagram (letter re-arrangement) of the words 'Furry Fandom'.

A DRY FORM FUN	AFFORD MY RUN
AM DRY FOR FUN	AMDRY RUNOFF
ANDY FROM FUR	DAFFY RUM RON
DAMN OF FURRY	DAMN RUFF RON
FAD FURY NORM	FAN FRY OR MUD
FARM FOUNDRY	FDA FOR MY RUN
FOND FURRY MA	FORM AND FURY
FUN FROM YARD	FUND FOR ARMY
FURMAN DO FRY	MAD FUN OR FRY
MANY RUFF ROD	MARY FOND FRY
RANDY OFF RUM	ROD AM FUN FRY

More Furriness Coming Your Way This Year!

Here's a quick look at furry conventions popping up all over the place!

Anthrocon '99

July 2nd - 4th 1999, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
Guest of Honor: Vicky Wyman (Canada)

Registration: \$30 until March 1st, 1999; \$35 until June 15th, 1999; \$40 thereafter and at the door.

Hotel Information: Hilton Valley Forge (610) 337-1200 x7148
(800) TRY-VFPA (Mon-Fri, 8am-8pm Eastern Time)

For More Information: Anthrocon, Inc. P.O. Box 60445

King of Prussia, PA 19406; E-mail: anthrocon@anthrocon.org
<http://www.anthrocon.org>

Eurofurence 5

The 5th annual European furry convention is to be held from July 22 through July 25, 1999, at the Berlin Mueggelsee. The Email address for EF is ef5@eurofurence.org, or check out the web site at <http://www.eurofurence.org/>

Feral!, 1999

August 14 - 19, 1999. Kinark Outdoor Centre, Ontario, Canada
The planning for Feral! 99 is well underway.
Those with net access can visit the Feral! web site (<http://www.FurNation.com/Feral/>) for the latest details. You can also send email to feral@idirect.ca, or write to: Feral!, Box 47008, Sheridan Mall P.O., Mississauga ON, L5K 1T9, Canada.

And of course, back where it all started...

ConFurence Ten Progress Report

ConFurence Ten – Looking Back At Ten Furry Years! Help us remember the ups, downs, and sideways of ConFurence from then to now...

And remember, our special second theme for '99 is **The Year of the (Bunny) Rabbit** – So be sure to hop on over!

More About Our Guests of Honor – Cynthia McQuillin and Mary Hanson-Roberts

This time, let's learn a little more about our artistic Guest of Honor for ConFurence Ten, **Mary Hanson-Roberts**. Mary made a name for herself at SF art shows throughout North America with her fantasy illustrations, many featuring her created species of gentle, lion-like cat-taurs. More recently, she became known to many furry fans for her series *Here Comes A Candle* – one of the longest running (and most popular in reader polls) series in the *Furrlough* anthology from Radio Comix. She's also illustrated numerous comic stories for Antarctic Press and Shanda Fantasy Arts. (She illustrated the cover for SF's anthology *Women in Fur*) In an entirely different vein, Mary illustrated an entire deck of Tarot cards in 1992, and it has become extremely popular among fortune telling fans. (Her book and card set, *The Hanson-Roberts Tarot* by Laura Carson and Mary Hanson-Roberts, is available on the Web at the ConFurence home page.)

Our musical Guest of Honor, **Cynthia McQuillin**, has quite a history behind her. Her cassette *Crystal Singer*, recorded in the early 1980's, was the very first tape released by Off Centaur Publications – for years one of the foremost publishers of folk music in the U.S. Over the years she has written more than 1,000 songs, and recorded some 300 of them on cassette and CD. And at least a few dozen of them have celebrated one thing: Cats. Oh, plenty of songs about dragons and werewriters and other mythical beasts too. But most famously, cats. Many of her best-known kitty songs were collected and performed on *Bedlam Cats*, available from Dandelion Digital. Cyndi and her partner, **Dr. Jane Robinson** (filk GoH at CF 8) write and perform together as the duo Mid-Life Crisis.

Next time around, we'll learn more about our Special Guests, **Robert and Margaret Carspecken**.

More Well-Known Furry Folks...

ConFurence Ten is proud to welcome ConFurence Seven Guest of Honor **Eric Schwartz** back to Southern California! He joins such well-known furry names as Mike and Carole Curtis, Michele Light, Steve Gallacci, Jim Groat, Pete Stoller, Mel White, Brian Sutton, Mitchell Beiro, Daphne Lage, Jose Calderon, Carla Speed MacNeil, Shauntae Howard, Lance Rund, Gordon Spurlock, Matt Henry, Kevin Andrew Murphy, D.A. and Tygger Graf, Steve Addressce, Ed Kline, Steven Martin, Ted Sheppard, Chuck Melville, Edd Vick, Susan Van Camp, E.T. and Elizabeth Bryan, Smudge, Baron Engel, Fred Patten, Darrel Benvenuto, Mike Raabe, Diana Vick, Tommy Yune, Tim Fay, Trump, John and Rachel Cawley, Terrie Smith, Jefferson Swycaffer, Roz Gibson, Michael-Scot McMurry, Jimmy Chin, John Nunnemacher, Michael Payne, Arlene Harris, Dusty Rhodes, James Hardiman, Elin Winkler, Leslie Fish, Dr. Jane Robinson, Steve Plunkett, Joseph and Trish Ny, James Lomax, Taral Wayne, David Bliss, Harvo, Ed Luena, and the crew from Yarf!

Tentative well-known folks at press time include Stephanie Gladden, Suzy Spafford, and Doug TenNapel!

Our NEW Re-Tooled Hotel

The Town & Country Resort Hotel in San Diego's Mission Valley has been performing some major upgrades and face-lifts since last year. One of the biggest is a brand-new two-story elevator installed in the east side meeting rooms area – thus bringing every last bit of their function space up to handicapped accessibility standards. We've told you many of the unique and special features of our host hotel over the past few issues: Four restaurants on site, easy walking distance to both the Red Trolley Line and the Fashion Valley Mall, no less than three swimming pools... all of which can be yours for only \$85.00/night (single/double) or \$95.00/night (triple/quadr). Folks have already got plenty of our room block reserved, so best to get yours as soon as you can! To make reservations, call (800) 854-2608, or the local number (619) 291-7131. **Important:** Make sure to call during business hours (M-F 9 am - 5 pm, pacific time), and make sure to mention ConFurence! Hurry!

Other Accommodations

For those fans of less means, we're happy to report that we have three less expensive facilities (some a lot less, some not much) for you to stay in, right across the freeway (through a convenient tunnel) from our main hotel. They are, in order of nearness:

Best Western, Seven Seas Lodge — (800) 328-1618
Econo Lodge, Mission Valley — (619) 692-1299
Days Inn, Hotel Circle — (800) 345-9995

Call the individual motels for room reservations, and be sure to mention both ConFurence and the Town & Country Hotel.

Let's Den Up!

If you are interested in sharing a room at ConFurence Ten, or if you have a room and could use some extra bodies, please give us a call at the ConFurence phone number. (Or, if you can, e-mail mink@firstlight.net.) We'll ask you some pertinent questions, and pass along the information to other interested furies.

Once Again – We Welcome You To The Pearl Possum!

Modeled after the local Lynchbany tavern in the first book of Alan Dean Foster's *Spellsinger* series, ConFurence Ten proudly presents the return of our own continuous juice bar and fan lounge, available to ConFurence members! In addition to a full line of (non-alcoholic) drinks, The Pearl Possum will once again feature events such as book signings, story readings, and filk singing at night. It followed us to our new hotel! Be sure to check it out!

The Den of Dealers

As of this time, the Den of Dealers is sold out for ConFurence Ten. Spaces are available to be reserved in Publishers Row (see below for more info). If you've called us and you're on our waiting list, please, bring your stuff!

We'll try our best to find room for you in our Artists' Alley or perhaps in the Den of Dealers itself — cancellations do happen, sometimes at the last minute!

The Artists' Alley remains one of the most popular features of any ConFurence! Half-table spaces in the pre-convene area (in front of the Den of Dealers) are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis *only*, with sign-ups each morning at 9:45 am — sharp!

Tables in Publishers' Row are reserved by special arrangement with ConFurence; for book, comic book, and art collection publishers. Located in the same place as Artists' Alley, tables here are \$60.00 for one table (with two attending memberships included) and \$40.00 more for an additional table (maximum of two). As with Artists' Alley, the tables need to be cleared off at the end of each day — but unlike the AA, you don't have to reserve your space each morning! Write to Steve Corbett at the ConFurence address for more info.

Dealers: The State wants their share!

By California State law, in order to deal at a trade show in the state of California (which ConFurence technically is), you *must* collect sales tax and you *must* have a State of California Tax ID number assigned to you. For more information, call the California Franchise Tax Board, or contact our Dealer Staff Lead, Steve Corbett, at the ConFurence P.O. Box.

One More Important Note for Dealers

If you plan to sell materials in the Den of Dealers, Publishers' Row, or Artists' Alley, be aware that the official policy of ConFurence is that no illegal or regulated materials (e.g. obscene items or copyright-infringing materials) are allowed to be sold at our convention. If you chose to break this rule, you risk expulsion from the convention, or legal action... in which case ConFurence can and will accept NO responsibility for your person or your materials. *Also remember:* For reasons of security, the Den of Dealers will be locked at the end of each convention day, and NO ONE will be allowed into the room until opening the next morning. This is final. Contact Steve Corbett for more information.

So Who's Gonna Be Selling Stuff At ConFurence This Year?

As of now, furry folk with stuff-to-sell in the Den of Dealers include (whew!):

John & Rachel Cawley	Witchcat
21 st Century Comics	Dancing Stoot Enterprises
Puma Paw Graphics	Mel. White
Brian Harp (Jace)	Frank Gembeck Jr.
Roy Crump (FoxxFire)	MU Press
Living Clay Productions	Mad Badger Studios
Chris Sawyer	Bryce Nakagawa, Phil Morrissey
Pandora's Box	Happy Jackal Graphics
Tara Wayne	Atomic Monkey
Graph-X-Press	3 rd Millennium Enterprises
Stuff & Nonsense	Random Factors
Studio Revolution USA	Rim of the World Holt

Purple Griffin	Light Horse Graphics
Blue Moon Rising	Huzzah!
Super Collector	Yarf!
Pawprints Fanzine	Steve Addlessee
Shanda Fantasy Arts	Susan Van Camp
Van Pigtain, Justin Ellis	Mayhem Country
Anti-Ballistic Pixelations	The Hornsmythe
Radio Comix	Jack Cavanaugh
John Perchalski	Sara Palmer (Caribou)
Tim O'Rourke (Tor)	Dirk Schmidt (Kyo)
Vision Entertainment	Michele Light, Tommy Yune
Digital Impundenout	John & Amanda Geyer
Margaret Mannatt Books	Derrick Dassenbrock, Tim Susman
David Bliss	Limelight Publishing
Furry Games	Daphne Lage, Jose Calderon
Manga Express	Blue Moon Rising
James Hardiman	Sean Foltz, Eva Triple
Mark Freid, Jay Long	Silk Road Trading Company
Ed Luena	Jeremy Bernal
C.K. Penchant, Gordon Spurlock	
Michael S. McMurtry, Mitch Beiro	
Christopher Rigdon, Anthony S. Waters	
Colin Crisanti (Guppy), Alan Mackey	
Enrique Rosenthal (Aldebran)	
Amy Pronovost, Scotty Arsenault	
Ted Sheppard, Michael B. Kelly	
Steven Martin, Doug Winger	
Fantasy Illustrations by Little Paw	
Heather Bruton, Diana Stein	
Mercy Neumark, Wolf Everham	
Mark Engel, Christina Hanson (Smudge)	

The Art Show

Consistently one of the biggest things at every ConFurence is our Art Show. And consistently, ours is one of the largest and most diverse SF/Fantasy art shows in America! But as large as it is, our show *will* fill up, and soon — so get in your reservations right away! Your first art show space (4 ft. by 4 ft.) is still available free with your paid supporting or attending membership — all you have to do is claim it in writing.

Additional art show spaces are available for a low \$5.00 each. Get yours reserved today! What, can't make it to ConFurence? No problem! Reserve your space, then mail us your art before the con — we'll set it up, send you back any unsold items, and get you off a check for what does sell, soon as we can! Write to **The Art Show** at the ConFurence address for any and all information. (All our thanks to our new Art Show Person, Xian Jaguar, and her super crew!)

And Here's A Look At Some Of The Events We'll Be Bringing You...

— Programming Staff

Programming at ConFurence 10 will include lots of our famous SIG round-robin discussion groups, including our well-known "Species SIGs" — come meet other folks who like your favorite kind of animal (real or imagined).

We also plan on a full slate of workshops (in art, costuming, comics, and etc.) and special presentations. **Kevin Andrew Murphy** (*Wild Cards*) plans to hold a discussion group on children's literature, from the past right up to *Animorphs*. Workshops are planned for those who want to learn the basics of costume making, as well as those with more advanced skills. Lots of workshops for artists too — from beginning drawing and sketching to the making of comic books. This being the season of Passover, Easter, and Spring Equinox, this ConFurence will actually feature our first religious ceremonies — Christian, Jewish, and Pagan, on the appropriate days.

— The Costume Presentation and other FurSuit Events

Your opportunity to show off what you can do with costuming for your own furry creation — not to mention the creation itself — comes on Saturday afternoon at our Costume Presentation. The two-hour program brings you the handiwork of costumers and furry constructors from throughout furrydom (and yes we warn you — folks will want to take your picture!). It's followed later in the day by a popular vote for the two best costumes (one amateur, and one who's been doing this for a while). Back again for ConFurence Ten is the *FurSuit Lounge*, where furry costumers can let their fur down and meet with their fellows. In the lounge, costumers from around the country will be on hand and available to discuss the materials and methods they use to bring us their creations in several special workshops. Sign-up sheets and other info for the Costume Presentation will be available at the ConFurence Information Desk. Also returning this year: The costumers giving their own awards too! If you plan to participate in the Saturday Presentation, look for information regarding the 'Pier Awards' voting. AND, don't forget: Saturday night it's time for another *FurSuit Dance*... always one of our most popular night-time activities.

— Dinner on Saturday

Another ConFurence tradition — stuffing yourself on Saturday night — follows us to our new city! The menu's still being worked out, but we know it'll feature some fine Italian food, plus lots of other goodies to fit all tastes and needs (including special diets) available buffet-style. Tickets will be available from the ConFurence General Store. Look for it!

— The Cabaret FurLe Dance

By now a ConFurence tradition, the Saturday night Cabaret show features lively music and hot dancing by skillful male and female dancers, plus costumes and skits — yes, there's adult-oriented material here (at least in some parts of the show!), so the show is for over-18's, sorry! In honor of our convention theme, many of the dancers and performers have been asked to re-create some of their most popular performances from previous Cabarets. But don't worry — There's plenty of new stuff for you to see too! The Cabaret is a benefit and all proceeds go to a good cause. Again, tickets for the Cabaret are sold at the General Store.

— Filking

ConFurence strives to be a filk-friendly con. Once again room will be set aside on Friday and Saturday night for fans who want to get together and sing about their favorite furies. Once again on Friday night it's time for the annual Furry Filk-Song contest, with the winner picked by a popular vote. What? You don't sing or play? Why, just bring your lyrics along — we'll have someone perform them for you! And hey, do you play a guitar or other instrument? Bring it along! We can always use more accompanists! Immediately after the contest, it's time for another ConFurence Filk Concert, featuring performances by not only our Guest of Honor Cynthia McQuillin but Dr. Jane Robinson, Michael Payne, Leslie Fish, and others who've been asked to join us.

— The Video Theater — Through the Day and Night!

Once again, our Video Theater will be running 24 hours a day from Thursday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, will feature many animated features and TV shows, anime originals, translations (serious and otherwise!), short films, furry commercials, and other nifty stuff. We're looking to celebrate some of the best and most memorable furry stuff on screen from the past 10 years. Have some ideas? Write us and say so!

— Gaming

Always a popular pastime with lots of furies, whether the game is *Albedo*, *Other Suns*, *T.A.N.T.*, *Werewolf*, or *Teenagers From Outer Space*! ConFurence will again have no less than two Gaming Rooms — one for FRP Games, and one for Card-Based Games. (Possibly one for computer and video games too — we're working on it!) We're pleased to announce that White Wolf Games will be holding a *Werewolf* tournament at this year's ConFurence, and possibly a *Rage* tournament as well.

The History of Furry Fandom

As part of our Ten Years of ConFurence celebration, ConFurence 10 will feature a special display dedicated to where our fandom came from — and where it's been.

Displays of furry fanzines, out-of-print comics, fursuits, "bibles" from our favorite TV shows, animation cels... all this and more for you to see. Hey! Got an idea for stuff we might include? (Or even better, have some stuff in your collection you want to show off?) Get in touch with us at ConFurence!

Go See Some Real Live Animals — For Less!

We've made arrangements for special lower-priced tickets for the world-famous San Diego Zoo and San Diego Wild Animal Park to be made available to members of ConFurence. (And we're working on the same kind of a deal for Sea World, too!) The tickets will be on sale at the ConFurence General Store. Now, will we be getting some speakers and maybe a live animal or two from these famous places? Keep your eyes on these very pages — we'll let you know!

A Few Important Policy Notes for ConFurence. Hey! Read These!

Weapons Policy

For the length of ConFurence Ten, all real, realistic, or simulated weapons must be peace-bonded with ribbon. This includes any sort of gun, knife (above 4" total), sword, whip, or other such item which could cause damage. Yes, that *does* include Silly String! ConFurence security *will* be enforcing this! If you have a weapon that needs to be displayed as part of the Costume Presentation, you need to make special arrangements with both the Security and Costume Show staff ahead of time — preferably prior to the con, in writing.

Some Words on Dress and Behavior

We've asked this before, and we will again, because we think it's important: People from all over the world, from many cultures and social strata, come to a ConFurence. And we really want to make a good impression on as many of them as we can. Not everyone who shows up is going to be into or not into the same things as you. Please try to be discreet with things like leather shock-gear or clothing that's hardly even there, okay? At very least in the Lobby and main Convention Area, try to think about how you're dressed, and make sure that you *are* dressed! If you're not thinking, Con Security might have to come over and remind you. Secondly, you need to be careful about getting over-energetic with horseplay! If a bit of fooling around damages hotel property, it's gone way too far. Thirdly, keep in mind that as furies we're all fond of cuddling and affection — But there comes a point where, to be polite in public, both of you should head off to a private room. Okay? The twin policies of ConFurence are *tolerance* for our diversity and *politeness* for our con. It makes this annual world furry gathering a lot more fun and enjoyable for everyone who comes here. Thank you from us all!

Smoking Policy

California State law forbids smoking in many public places, such as hotel lobbies, restaurants, and bars. Therefore, smoking is not going to be allowed in most parts of the Town & Country Hotel where ConFurence is taking place. Smoking is allowed in individual sleeping rooms, and will be allowed in the lounges — IF, and only if, you use a smoke-catching air-filtered ashtray. Outside the hotel, you're on your own.

The Price

Registration to ConFurence Ten is on a sliding scale. From now until March 22nd, 1999, three-day **Attending** memberships are available by mail for \$30.00. After that, three-day memberships will sell at the door for \$35.00. And, a full year of *In-Fur-Nation*, plus our special annual ConFurence Souvenir Collection Book, are all included in the price of your membership!

And remember, if you cannot migrate to this part of the world at that time, feel free to join ConFurence as a **Supporting** member! Supporting members get a full year's subscription to *In-Fur-Nation*, the Souvenir Collection Book, and one free art show display space for the taking, all for the low price of just \$15.00!

Important Note on Registration, for Special Guests and Pre-Paid Sponsors and Super Sponsors Only:

As an added bonus, our special guests of ConFurence, Sponsors, and Super Sponsors (pre-paid, not converting) can bypass a good portion of the Registration lines! If you're a Convention Guest, a Sponsor, or a Super Sponsor, please follow the signs to the special *Express Lane*. Your badges, packets, and ribbons will be waiting for you there. Not certain if you're a Sponsor, Super, or Guest? Check the lists at Information!

ConFurence's Big Help Departments...

Our Sponsors

Sponsors are the special furies who help keep ConFurence going by giving a little bit (or a lot bit!) of extra financial help. That's money for transporting, lodging, and feeding our special guests, as well as offsetting complimentary memberships. To become a sponsor, just contribute a minimum of \$30.00 over and above your membership fee. Indicate which of our special guests this money is to help toward; or if you can't decide, just mark it "general fund" — that's automatically earmarked for our Guests of Honor. What do you get for being a sponsor? Besides being mentioned by name in the Souvenir Book, sponsors are the only folks (besides staff and guests) allowed in the Guest Lounge, a special place set aside where folks can relax away from the hubbub of the con. The food is good and the company is lively. And sponsors get special seating at the Fur le Dance Cabaret (with the purchase of a regular ticket — after all, it's for charity!) and the Costume Presentation. Plus, Sponsors get — our unending gratitude!

Super Sponsors (We make size matter!)

Super Sponsors are people who really want to help out the convention — and think they deserve something special in return. Super sponsors are those crazy, er, wonderful people willing to contribute \$100.00 or more toward our special guests. Super Sponsors get all the same neat stuff as other Sponsors, plus some extra snazzy foodstuffs in the VIP Lounge (Guests and Super-Sponsors only allowed!). Other neat perks include front-row seats at the Fur le Dance Cabaret (again, that's with the charity purchase of your ticket for the FLD show) and the Costume Presentation. We even bug our Guests of Honor to come up with some little, unique gifts that they can send your way... we'll let you know what we find! What, you don't have \$100.00 sitting around? Why, make installments! That's right, we'll take two payments of \$50.00, or four payments of \$25.00 — it still counts you as a Super Sponsor! **Important Note:** Keep in mind, you're not actually a Sponsor until we get the actual \$50.00 or more, and not a Super until we get the full \$100.00 or more. So, if you're making installments, you might not get your name in the Souvenir Book, say, if you take a while to get yourself paid up! But, we promise — we'll acknowledge you as soon as you do!

ANOTHER Special Note for Sponsors and Supers...

We've had several people who have actively requested help from ConFurence to get out here, so they might join us and be part of the program.

It would be very helpful to us if any Sponsors or Super Sponsors willing to would ear-mark some or all of their contributions (already made) toward helping out specific well-known furs. Besides our Guests of Honor and Special Guests (**Patricia C. Wrede, Mary Hanson-Roberts, Cynthia McQuillin, and Robert & Margaret Carspecken**) whom we can always use help for, the folks asking about Sponsorship include: Comic book creators **Stephanie Gladden, Carla Speed MacNeil, and Jim Groat**; illustrator **Dusty Rhodes**; and sword maker **Lynn Kurtz**. [Dusty and Lynn have both danced wonderfully in the Cabaret Fur le Dance as well.] So, if you'd like to earmark some of your funds to some of the needy, why not give the ConFurence phone number a call, or e-mail mink@firstlight.net.

The ConFurence Souvenir Book — Be Part of the Magic!

The ConFurence Ten Souvenir Book collection is now accepting! We need black & white art, and short articles, in a furry frame of mind to give our members and supporters. Subjects should reflect our main con theme this year: Looking back at special memories of furry conventions, furry parties, and other aspects of furry fandom over the past ten years. Or, you might chose to highlight our sub-theme (bunnies!), or the works of one of our Guests of Honor. No pay, and the rights return to you immediately after the con, but here's a chance to get your visions or ideas out in front of more than a thousand furry fen! Interested? Write or call for more information, or send your articles (up to 500 words) or *copies only* of your black-and-white artwork to the ConFurence P.O. Box. Attn: Souvenir Book. **Remember** — The deadline for submissions to the Souvenir Book is **January 31st, 1999** — so get on it furs!

Our Staff

We can always use more staff to help keep things running smoothly at ConFurence! What's it take? Sixteen hours (minimum) of your time over the length of the con (though more is always appreciated!) helping out with Registration, Art Show shuffling and paperwork, sound and lighting for the shows and dances, and all kinds of stuff it takes to pull off a con like this one? What do you get for all this? Well first and foremost, a free space to crash in and cheap (if not free) munchies for the length of the con! Plus a chance for a free membership to the following ConFurence, transferable to certain "stuff" at the ConFurence General Store. [Remember though, you do have to buy a membership *first*, do the work, *then* you'll be credited for your membership!] Want more info on ConFurence volunteering? Just send a note to **Rod O'Riley** at the ConFurence address (or mink@firstlight.net) and he'll send you a Volunteer Information Packet right away. (You can also register as a volunteer on the ConFurence web site!)

Furries on the Wing — Fly Like A Byootiful Butterfly!

ConFurence has its own official travel agency, **Ladera Travel** of Southern California. They've specialized for years in getting good rates for travel to and from SF cons, including ours! Contact **Rick Foss** at (800) 624-6679 from outside California, or (310) 640-0527 inside California.

The Great Furry Migration

Looking to carpool or caravan your way to ConFurence Ten? Give us a call on the ConFurence phone (or e-mail us) and give us some pertinent information about what you need or what you're offering. We'll pass the info along to others in your area (or path) that would like to ride share.

Hey! Is this your Last In-Fur-Nation??

It might be, if you've not yet a member of ConFurence Ten! Take a look at your mailing label... are there a bunch of letters and numbers in a funny pattern under your name? If so, that, my friends, is your membership number in full! Here's how all those symbols work...

The first two digits are the year of the con; 99 for 1999. The next 4 digits are the member number, from 0001 to 9999. The first letter after the digits is the type of membership. A= Attending, N= Non-attending (Supporting), D= Dealer, B= Dealer's 2nd membership, P= Sponsor, U= Super Sponsor, G= Guest, H= Guest of Honor, R= Artist, S= Staff, M= Media/Press. The digit after the letter 'D' is the number of tables the Dealer has. The digit after the letter 'R' is the number of display spaces that Artist has reserved. Examples: 990023NR2 (CF10 member 23 is a non-attending artist with 2 art show spaces.) 990124UD2 (CF10 member 124 is a Super Sponsor Dealer with 2 tables.)

If you don't have that number, we don't have you as a member for CF10 yet. If that's the case, why not join up today as an attending or supporting member! Remember, it's the easiest way to get a full-year's worth of *In-Fur-Nation*, and the only way to get your copy of the ConFurence Ten Souvenir Book.

Join the Warren! Keep in touch with the world of Anthropomorphics! Join ConFurence Ten Today! And, Have a Happy New Year!!

Con-Dor

**San Diego's Annual
Science Fiction
Convention at the Town
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February 12-14, 1999
Guests of Honor:**



Tim Powers: Science-Fiction and Fantasy Author
Lara Parker: "Angelique" on TV's *Dark Shadows*
Con-Dor is a general science fiction, media and literature convention featuring science fiction, fantasy, gaming, parties, dancing, an art show, a con-suite, a dealers' room, filking, and more.

Registration Fees:

October 1, 1998 — January 31, 1999	\$25
At the door	\$30
Kids in tow (under 12)	FREE

To pre-register send check payable to "Con-Dor" to:
Con-Dor P.O. Box 15771 San Diego, CA 92175
Please include S.A.S.E.

ConFurence General Store Order form:

Please print your mailing address and phone number *clearly* on the other side of this form!

ConFurence Collection Books: CF6 ____ CF7 ____ CF8 ____ @ \$ 5.00 each = ____
Price includes postage for North America. Please add \$2.00 for overseas post.

ConFurence 7 *Furries in Force* Highlights Video ____ @ \$ 15.00 each = ____
ConFurence 8 *Music and Mirth* Highlights Video ____ @ \$ 15.00 each = ____
Price includes postage for North America. Please add \$2.00 for overseas post.

Color Laserprint sets: Brian Harp "Dragonsong" print ____ @ \$ 3.00 each = ____
David Bliss "Sydney Want's YOU!" ____ @ \$ 3.00 each = ____
Michel Light "FiveFur" set. ____ @ \$ 5.00 each = ____
Daphne Lage "Magic" set. ____ @ \$ 5.00 each = ____
Terrie Smith mini-poster ____ (11"X17", in tube) @ \$ 2.00 each = ____
Please add \$1.00 per print (or set) for US postage. Add \$2.00 per order for overseas.

T-Shirts: CF9 "Furries in Love" ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL @ \$ 15.00 each = ____
CF7 "Furries in Force" ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL ____ XXXL @ \$ 15.00 each = ____
Include \$3.00 for each shirt for North American postage, \$5.00 for each shirt for overseas post.

Don't forget the POSTAGE per item/order if required. (see above) = ____
TOTAL for General Store order (US dollars only please) Thank you! : \$ ____
Please make checks or money orders out to: **ConFurence** (do not send cash)
Any questions? General Store e-mail is: store@confurence.com

ConFurence X Membership Form

Name	AKA (Furry/Fan name)	Phone Number (optional)	
Address	Street	Apt/Unit	E-mail Address
City	State	Postal code	Country

____ **Attending:** \$30.00 for all 4 days, \$35.00 on-site. Includes 4 issues of the In-Fur-Nation newsletter.

____ **Supporting:** \$ 15.00 (includes In-Fur Nation news and Con material. May be converted on-site for \$15.00)

____ **Sponsorship:** \$ 50.00 or more, up to \$99.00. Includes special guest privileges at the con.

____ **SuperSponsor:** \$ 100.00 or more. Includes VIP privileges at the con.

____ I am an **Artist**. Reserve my free Art Show space now. I need ____ additional spaces @ \$5.00 each (limited to 5 spaces in all)

Please make your Check or Money Order, made out to **ConFurence**. Send memberships, and any requests for information, (dealer tables, art show, artist's alley, costume presentation, programming, guests, etc.) to:

ConFurence, PO BOX 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1958

Telephone (Lantana Ltd): (714) 530-4993 or (800) 234-8237; FAX (714) 530-2554; info@confurence.com

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RESERVATIONS:

Call (800) 854-2608 or (619) 291-7131
9am and 5pm, M-F (mention ConFurence)

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\$ 30.00 4-day attending membership
(\$ 35.00 at the door)
\$ 15.00 non-attending (anytime)
(includes 4 issues of In-Fur-Nation and
the ConFurence Collection souvenir book)
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(paid at the con)

Sponsorship:

A minimum contribution of \$ 50.00
(includes attending membership)

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A minimum contribution of \$ 100.00
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\$25.00. Includes attending membership.)

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